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'Trishna crew honoured

NEW DELHI Jan 25 (UPI) — Major Ashok Kumar Singh, Serna Medal recipient, who became the first handicapped sailor to go around the world when yacht 'Trishna' returned to Bombay on January 10 has been awarded the Kirti Chakra by the President for distinguished service.

Col. TPS Topsy Chowdhury who was the team leader of Trishna and had sailed one-third of the 30,000 nautical miles adventure, has been awarded the Ati Vishist Seva Medal.

Three other officers who along with Maj. A.K. Singh had been on the 37-foot fibre glass yacht for 15 months have been awarded the Shaurya Chakra for distinguished service. They are the team skipper Lt. Col. K.S. Rao, Capt. Sanjeev Saxena and Capt. Chandrabas Bharti.